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## BEVIN WANTS A FIRM SOLID TREATY

6,000 FLEE FROM  
VOLCANO

Manila, Jan. 15.  
Six thousand Southern  
Luzon residents crowded  
into evacuation centres after  
fleeing the vicinity of the  
violently erupting Mayon  
volcano.

Every three hours the  
volcano spouts fiery lava and  
boulders. Volcanic clouds  
rise to 10,000 feet above  
the peak.

The Weather Bureau  
observer in Legaspi said that  
the eruptions are getting  
worse. So far no villages  
have been reached by lava,  
but the residents were or-  
dered out as a precaution.  
—Associated Press.

## SALE OF PALACE HOTEL

Price Said To Be  
HK\$5,500,000

The Hongkong Telegraph  
learns that negotiations have  
been completed for the sale  
of the Palace Hotel property  
in Shanghai belonging to the  
Hongkong and Shanghai  
Hotels, Ltd.

The sale price is understood to be  
\$5,500,000 (HK), and the buyers are  
the Doh Ching Co. of Shanghai, a  
private Chinese business concern  
which operates several cotton mills  
and also owns the Ciro property on  
Bubbling Well Road.

Situated at the corner of the Bund  
and Nanjing Road, opposite Sassoon  
House and the Cathay Hotel, the  
Palace Hotel has been run by the  
Hongkong and Shanghai Hotels, Ltd.  
for many years. Its present  
manager is Mr. L. Gaddi, who was  
manager of the Hongkong Hotel  
during the BMA period here.

### FUTURE PLANS

The buyers, it is learned, intend  
to redevelop the property by erect-  
ing an 18-storey bank and office  
building on the site. The architec-  
tural work will be in the hands of  
Mr. E. B. Cumine, A.R.B.A.

Interviewed this morning, an  
official of the Hotel Co. neither con-  
firmed nor denied the report of  
the sale, remarking: "I cannot say  
anything at present."

Nevertheless, it has been known  
for several years that negotiations  
have been going on, and the price of  
Hotel shares has been going up  
steadily in the stock market. Quoted  
at \$10.50 per share about a week  
ago, the shares have now gone up  
to \$18.50, and it is learned that  
business was put through as high as  
\$10.

### EDITORIAL

## Automobile Assn. Wanted

Hongkong motorists, at the present time, are being hard hit by petty  
theft. They who descend on unattended cars, even in daylight, and  
who do not hesitate to siphon petrol from the tanks. Even city cars  
parked open to public view, are no protection against these thieves.  
The police, laden with a multitude of duties, are unable to keep a  
close enough check on parked cars. The job, to be done effectively, calls  
for reinforcements. What they, and car owners need to assist them is  
a mobile body of men who can move rapidly from place to place and  
swoop down on these plunderers.

Before the war Hongkong enjoyed the services of a well organized  
Automobile Association, whose agents always seemed at hand to lend  
assistance to a driver who found himself stranded with a broken-  
down car. The Hongkong Automobile Association has not yet been re-  
surrected, and this seems to be the right moment for such an action.  
The number of owners of private vehicles has increased at a great pace  
during the past six months, and the rate will continue to accelerate for  
a long time. In their own interests, they should band together, and  
with the assistance of any pro-war members, restart the Hongkong  
Automobile Association. There should be no great difficulty in obtaining  
the financial support necessary to maintain patrol agents. The consequent  
benefits which members would enjoy in the way of additional  
special protection for their cars during office hours and after dark would  
more than offset the modest demands likely to be made on their pockets.

More than 20 years ago the "Hongkong Telegraph" was appointed the  
official organ of the Hongkong Automobile Association. To-day, the  
"Telegraph" makes the sincere offer to give practical support and  
encouragement to any old members or new car owners to re-form the  
Association. It makes the offer because it believes that such an  
organization can perform a very valuable public service in these days  
when private property, such as motor cars, become so vulnerable to the  
machinations of thieves and vagabonds.

## Big Four Preparing German Peace Terms

London, Jan. 15.

Britain's Foreign Secretary, Mr Ernest  
Bevin, called yesterday for a German peace  
treaty "so firm, so solid, so conceived that it  
will save the world for hundreds of years  
from . . . the travail and turmoil of another  
war."

His short address reported by the British  
Foreign Office was made before the first closed  
meeting of the Big Four Deputy Foreign Ministers,  
convening to begin the preliminaries of drafting  
peace treaties for Austria and Germany.

"I am deeply and sincerely concerned," Mr  
Bevin said, "that nothing should be done which would  
enable Germany to become a military power again."

Mr Bevin said the Austrian peace  
treaty should not handicap Austria  
economically and added:  
"Austria was left in 1919 like a  
tailor with Vienna her great head  
and with very little tail. If the  
Danube countries could co-operate  
economically, that State would be  
avoided."

He urged "effective" preparatory  
work on the German treaty, saying:  
"There is a great desire to work with  
a plan" that would prevent war for  
many centuries.

### HOLLAND'S DEMAND

Little Holland, one of the first  
western nations overrun by warring  
Nazis, demanded a stern peace for  
Germany and a "moral reconstruction"  
of her people.

The Netherlands, in a memo-  
randum to the Deputies' Council,  
asked that the German people  
themselves be made to pay the full  
cost of occupation and reconstruc-  
tion, and urged strictest measures to  
ensure Germany's demilitarization  
and disarmament.

The document called for a de-  
centralized Germany and an inter-  
national "regime" to control in-  
dustries in the Ruhr and Rhineland,  
sent of Germany's war potential.  
The Deputies met in their first  
closed session at 11 p.m. Hongkong  
time yesterday with Foreign Secre-  
tary Ernest Bevin presiding in a short  
welcoming address. British and  
American sources said the meeting  
would be taken entirely with dis-  
cussions of procedural matters.

Mr Robert Murphy, Secretary of  
State George C. Marshall's deputy  
for Germany, planned separate con-  
ferences after yesterday with his  
Russian and French opposite num-  
bers. Deputy Foreign Minister  
Fedor Gusev and Maurice Couve de  
Murville.

An American official said they  
were expected to be "courtesy talks".  
Murphy conferred on Monday with  
the British Deputy for Germany, Sir  
William Strang.—Associated Press.

### AUSTRIAN TREATY

Leeds, Jan. 14.  
The diplomatic correspondent of  
the leading North England Conserva-  
tive news paper Yorkshire Post wrote  
to-day that—while no details of the  
British draft treaty for Austria have  
been published—the British draft is  
understood to contain the following  
"nine points":

1. A free and independent Aus-  
tria.
2. The withdrawal of all Allied  
troops from Austria.
3. Freedom of navigation on the  
Danube.
4. Support for Austria in  
joining the United Nations  
Organisation.
5. Austria's frontiers to be those  
of 1938—that is before the  
annexation with Germany.
6. Non-recognition of Yugo-  
slav and Czech territorial claims  
on Austria.
7. No reparations.
8. Complete religious freedom  
and non-discrimination in trade.
9. Agreement on German assets  
in Austria to be based mainly on  
recognition as German property of  
plants erected after 1938 (date of  
annexation) only.

The United States draft is on  
similar lines. France, it is be-  
lieved, supports the main outlines of  
the British draft, the correspondent  
said.

He added: "Britain and the  
United States are also expected to  
urge that Austria should be allowed  
to maintain her own security forces  
to protect her frontiers."—Reuter.

### "TREMENDOUS—IF TRUE"

Washington, Jan. 14.  
Reports published in Britain and  
the United States from Berlin  
sources that Russia is prepared to  
renounce all claims to reparations  
from the current production of Ger-  
many were described to-day by  
United States State Department  
officials as "tremendous news if it  
is true."

It was added that the State De-  
partment could not give any con-  
firmation of the reports, which were  
attributed to "topflight Russians in-  
terviewed in Berlin."

The reports said that the Russians  
at the Moscow conference of Foreign  
Ministers in March and the peace  
settlement with Germany and Aus-  
tria, will throw their full weight  
behind the plan for an economic as  
well as a political unity in Germany.  
To secure the success of this plan  
the Russians will renounce all claims  
to reparations from the current pro-  
duction both in their own occupa-  
tion zone and in the Allied zones, the  
reports added.—Reuter.

## CREDITS FOR ITALY

Premier's Success  
In America

Washington, Jan. 15.  
The United States gave Italian  
Premier Sig. Alcide De Gasperi  
farewell assurances of \$100,000,000  
in credits for his country as he  
prepared to return to Rome.  
Less than three hours before the  
Premier was scheduled to board the  
plane, the Export Import Bank  
announced that it had decided to  
"earnmark" that sum to help "specific  
segments" of Italian industry.

Trade Minister, Sig. Pietro Campelli,  
however, that extension of a series of  
"individual credits" to Italian  
industry depends "upon conditions in  
Italy of stability and upon the  
ability to provide for the maintenance  
of its economy."  
Officials saw in this statement an  
implied warning to the U.S. that  
political disturbances may cause the  
Bank to change its mind.—Associated  
Press.

## 1947 Derby Winner



Norse Queen, winner of the Hongkong Derby at Happy  
Valley yesterday, being led in after its popular success by  
the owner, Mr. R. Johannessen, and Mrs. Johannessen. Norse  
Queen was piloted to victory by Ostrumoff. (Photo Ming  
Yuen).

## Entombed Miners Found Dead

Edinburgh, Jan. 14.

All thirteen men entombed  
behind a wall of rock  
and flame after an explo-  
sion in a shaft oil pit at  
West Calder, Midlothian, on  
Friday were found dead  
when rescue squads reached  
them to-day.

The fires started after-  
wards may burn for years  
and the portion of the pit  
affected may be sealed off.  
—Reuter.

## Socialist As President Of French National Assembly

Paris, Jan. 14.  
The French National Assembly to-day elected Socialist  
Vincent Auriol as President. M. Auriol obtained 294 votes.

The former Finance Minister, M.  
Robert Schuman (MRP), got 194  
votes and the Left Republican Union,  
M. Claudius Petit, 75.

The National Assembly and the  
Council of the Republic also elected  
other officials.

For the Assembly: Vice-presidents,  
Jacques Duclos (Communist),  
Madame Germaine Peyroles (MRP),  
Mme Madeleine Braun (Communist),  
Fernand Bouxom (MRP), Yvon Del-  
bos (Radical Socialist) and Jules  
Hamron (PRL).

Council of the Republic: Vice-  
presidents, Georges Marrane (Com-  
munist), Mme Gilberte Brossollet  
(Socialist), Gaston Monnerville  
(Left Republican Union).

The Communist deputy, Marcel  
Cachin, opening the French National  
Assembly, warned that in Germany  
the "spirit of Hitler is still  
widespread."

Taking a firm anti-German stand,  
Cachin said 18 months after the war,  
"the German population is increasing  
and three-quarters of their industry  
is intact."

He said German chemical and  
metallurgical industries were "ready  
to operate" and in Germany one  
"sees no signs of repentance or  
regret."

"It is in these conditions that  
unification of the British and Ameri-  
can zones in Germany is announced  
and it is revealed that important  
credits are to be given Germany to  
enable the Germans to reconstitute  
their economic power within three  
years. The French people cannot  
but note that this is a renewal of the  
errors of 1919."—United Press.

### COMING TO H.K.

London, Jan. 14.  
Mr Geoffrey de Freitas, Under-  
Secretary of State for Air, leaves  
England to-morrow in a Lancaster  
of the RAF Transport Command for  
a 24,000 mile tour of overseas com-  
mands of the Royal Air Force in  
Greece, the Middle East, India,  
Malaya, China, Japan, Korea and  
Rhodesia.  
He will return early in March.  
—Reuter.

## PALESTINE ARABS WILL RESIST PARTITION PLAN

Jerusalem, Jan. 14.  
Palestine Arabs would resolutely oppose partition in  
any form as a solution of the Palestine problem, according  
to a Palestine Arab Higher Committee statement to-day.

The statement said that British  
press reports gave the impression  
that the partition was being seriously  
considered in the British Govern-  
ment. "These reports are part of  
a propaganda campaign to give the  
partition a favourable reception," it  
added.

The statement also announced the  
committee's decision to ask the  
Palestine Government to approve the  
principle of elections to the Supreme  
Muslim Council—a body set up  
under British mandate to deal with  
Palestine Muslim affairs.  
If the Palestine Government agree  
to this the Higher Committee re-

solved unanimously to accept the  
recent government appointments to  
the Council.  
Two nominees had already  
accepted the office in defiance of a  
directive by the Committee to all  
Arabs to refuse office if it was  
offered.

The Secretary of the Committee  
told Reuter: "When the Palestine  
Arab delegation reach London they  
propose to make it clear to the  
British Government that they will  
insist on their national aspirations.  
We shall ask the British Government  
to end the mandate and honour  
their promises by granting Palestine  
independence."

**LIFE IMPRISONMENT**  
A 17-year old Jewish terrorist  
gunman, member of the Argun  
Zionist Organisation, was sen-  
tenced to life imprisonment by a  
military court for discharging a fire  
arm during a terrorist raid on the  
Ottoman Bank in Jaffa on September  
13 last year.

The President of the Court told the  
accused, Yehuda Katz, "You are too  
young to be hanged and too old to  
be flogged. I have every sympathy  
with your father."

Katz declared to the court, "The  
soldiers who raided the British Bank  
which called itself Ottoman Bank  
went there for a return of the money  
for which our people have been  
robbed by the British."

"With this money we planned to  
buy weapons—rifles, Tommy guns  
and ammunition."

**MUTINY CHARGE**  
Four British soldiers accused of  
taking part in a demonstration by  
150 troops against the rate of de-  
mobilisation were charged with mu-  
tiny before a military court at Hal-  
fax to-day.

The court martial resumes to-  
morrow.—Reuter.

**STILL TRYING**  
Paris, Jan. 14.  
Professor Johann Smertenko,  
vice-President of the American  
Committee for Free Palestine, who  
has been banned by Britain's Home  
Office from entering the country,  
said here to-night: "I am trying to  
leave for England to-morrow."

Some say the future of the Allied  
occupation of Japan is wrapped up  
in the country's labour programme.

**POWELL'S OPINION**  
J. B. Powell, publisher and editor  
of the China Weekly Review in  
Shanghai, in an article written here,  
for his magazine, said "many  
thoughtful observers of the Tokyo  
scene are convinced that the suc-  
cess or failure of the American pro-  
gramme in accomplishing its ob-  
jective—democratic Japan—de-  
pends to a larger extent on the  
future course of the Japanese labour  
than on anything else."

While in Japan, as prosecution  
witness at the war crimes trial,  
Powell studied the developments  
affecting the nation's rehabilitation.  
Powell in a survey of Japanese  
labour trends, asserted "to-day two  
rival high-powered labour organisa-  
tions are striving to form the na-  
tional labour groups in an imitation  
of the American federation labour  
and the congress of industrial or-  
ganisations in the United States."  
—Associated Press.

## French Find 50 Japanese Bodies Among Slain Viet Namhese

From Doon Campbell

Hanoi, Jan. 14.  
The bodies of 50 Japanese killed while aiding the  
Viet Namhese against French troops have been  
found since the hostilities started in December, the  
French military headquarters announced to-day.

The announcement reiterated the French allegations  
that the Japanese are giving "considerable assistance" to  
Viet Namhese forces.  
The Japanese whose bodies have been found here re-  
ported to include a number holding military command. The  
Japanese are reported to be acting chiefly as military in-  
structors and gunners.

The French military authorities  
are now carrying out a close checkup  
of all Japanese in Hanoi and  
special identity cards are being  
issued.

French Spitfires strafed the air-  
port area of Hanoi to-day before  
armoured jeeps and half tracks  
went into action in what was de-  
scribed as a "completely successful"  
mopping-up operation, states a semi-  
official French report.

Skillmishing between the French  
and Viet Namhese forces continued near  
Nam Dinh, about 50 miles south-east  
of Hanoi, and French patrols smoked

out several Viet Namhese machinegun  
nests.  
**BIG TROOP MOVEMENTS**  
From Langson in the north the  
Viet Namhese were reported to be  
moving up heavy reinforcements and  
large-scale Viet Namhese troop  
movements were also believed to be  
going on around Nam Dinh.  
French troops have to-day been  
engaged in combined operations  
against the Viet Namhese forces who  
are still hanging on in the western  
suburbs of Hanoi. The French  
attack, which began at dawn, was  
carried out by mechanised forces  
supported from the air. To-night,  
semi-official reports say that despite  
the French attack the sector is still  
in the control of Viet Namhese forces.

The Viet Namhese to-night re-  
ported that French troops from  
Touane, about 350 miles south of  
Hanoi, have launched an attack on  
the Viet Namhese forces between  
Touane and Hue, 40 miles north.

**HUE ISOLATED**  
The French military authorities  
in Hanoi have not issued any com-  
munique on the operation, which  
would appear to be a French at-  
tempt to establish road contact be-  
tween Touane and Hue. Contact  
has been cut since the beginning of  
the fighting.

Hue, capital of Annam, is com-  
pletely isolated as the result of the  
breakdown in road communications.  
The French aerodrome there has  
also been damaged. The French  
garrison at Hue has been harassed  
by Viet Namhese forces for several  
weeks and urgently needs rations  
and other supplies from Touane as  
well as reinforcements.

Meanwhile, the only serviceable  
cinema house in Hanoi was open  
to the public again to-day, but be-  
cause of the French military curfew  
performance was limited to the  
daytime. All other such establishments  
have been closed down "because of  
a state of siege." The sale of liquor  
for consumption on the spot is for-  
bidden and punishable by law.—  
Reuter.

**FRENCH LANDINGS**  
Paris, Jan. 15.  
Viet Namhese reports from Inco-  
China said last night that French  
troops had landed at Touane half  
way down Indo-China's eastern  
coastline, and were fighting north-  
ward along the highway in an effort  
to relieve the siege of the French  
garrison at Hue.

Hue, about 400 miles south of the  
main centre of fighting at Hanoi, has  
been besieged by the Viet Namhese  
for the last three weeks. It is 60  
miles by road from Touane.

French sources did not comment  
on the report. It was broad-  
cast over the clandestine Viet Namhese  
radio and distributed in Paris by the semi-  
official French Press Agency in a  
dispatch from Hanoi.

Warrior news aspects of the fighting  
at Hanoi were reported by Associated  
Press correspondent L. Erickson,  
who disclosed the existence of a  
fanatical Viet Namhese militaristic  
organisation called the "Tu  
Vi."

One thousand "Tu Vi" troops,  
surrounded by the French in Hanoi,  
in a sector also jammed with 10,000  
Chinese civilians and 8,000 Annamite  
natives, have been trying to fight  
their way out, Erickson reported.  
French forces repulsed several "Tu  
Vi" attacks.—Associated Press.

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## Twelve Nations Cry Out For Food Relief

Lake Success, Jan. 15.  
Twelve war damaged countries were reported to  
have informed the United Nations that they will need  
close to \$1,000,000,000 in emergency food relief during  
1947. The requests were submitted to the Committee  
of United Nations experts last week, but not yet  
published.

The countries included the Philip-  
pines, Korea, Poland, Yugo-Slavia,  
Czechoslovakia, Greece, China,  
Italy, Hungary, Austria, Finland and  
Ethiopia.  
Under a plan approved at the last  
session of the General Assembly,  
these requests will be forwarded to  
individual members of the United  
Nations for voluntary action. Sena-  
tarians, including the United  
States, have indicated they are pre-  
pared to continue individually the re-

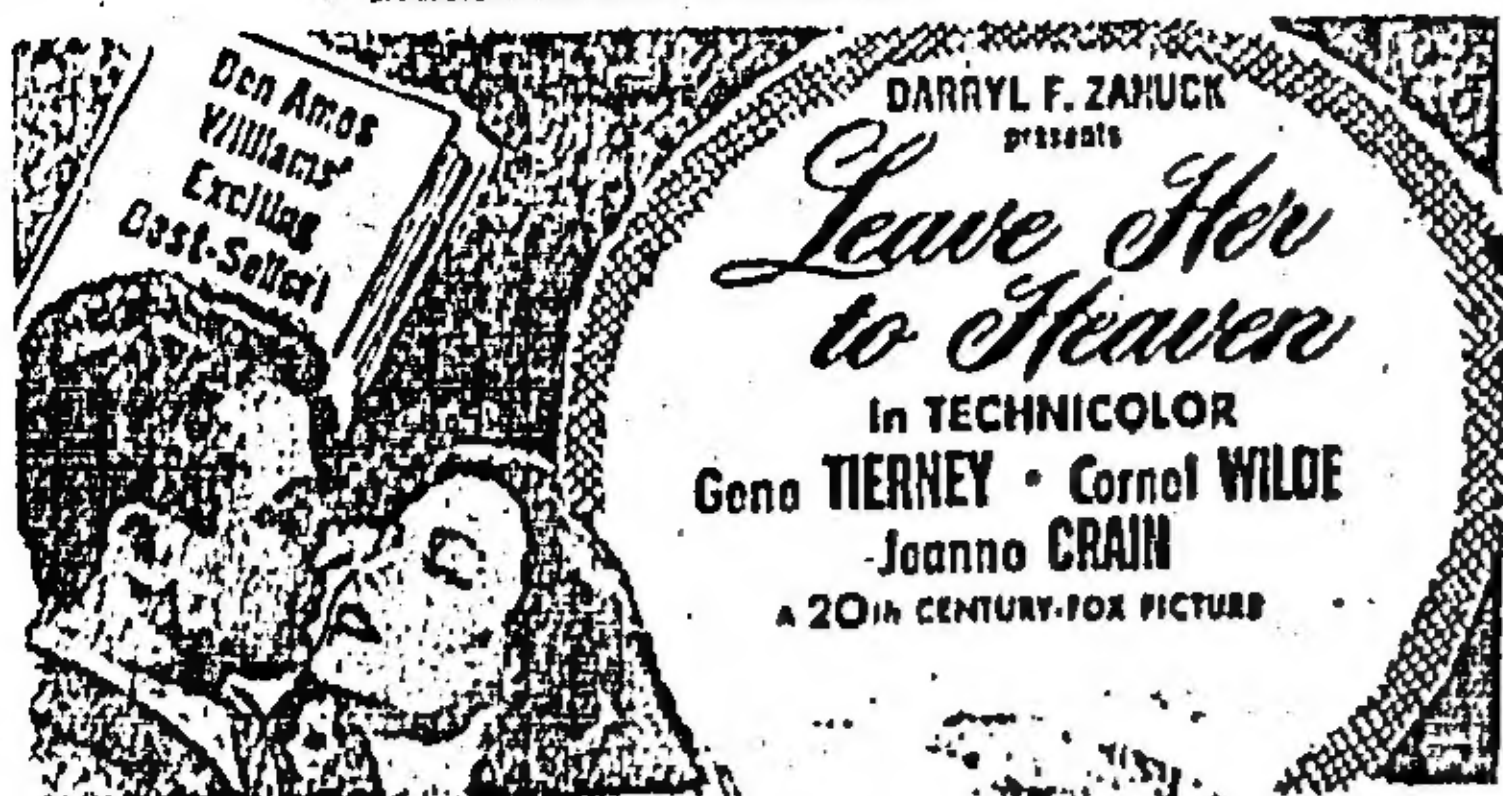
lief job remaining after the expla-  
nation of UNRRA. It had not been  
expected, however, that the requests  
would be so large.

In Washington Chairman Vandenberg of the Senate Foreign Relations  
Committee said that the Committee  
undoubtedly will consider legislation  
for relief work in war-torn countries  
to supplement former UNRRA as-  
sistance. He said that the sum of  
\$100,000,000 for such relief had been  
under discussion.—Associated Press.



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TO-DAY

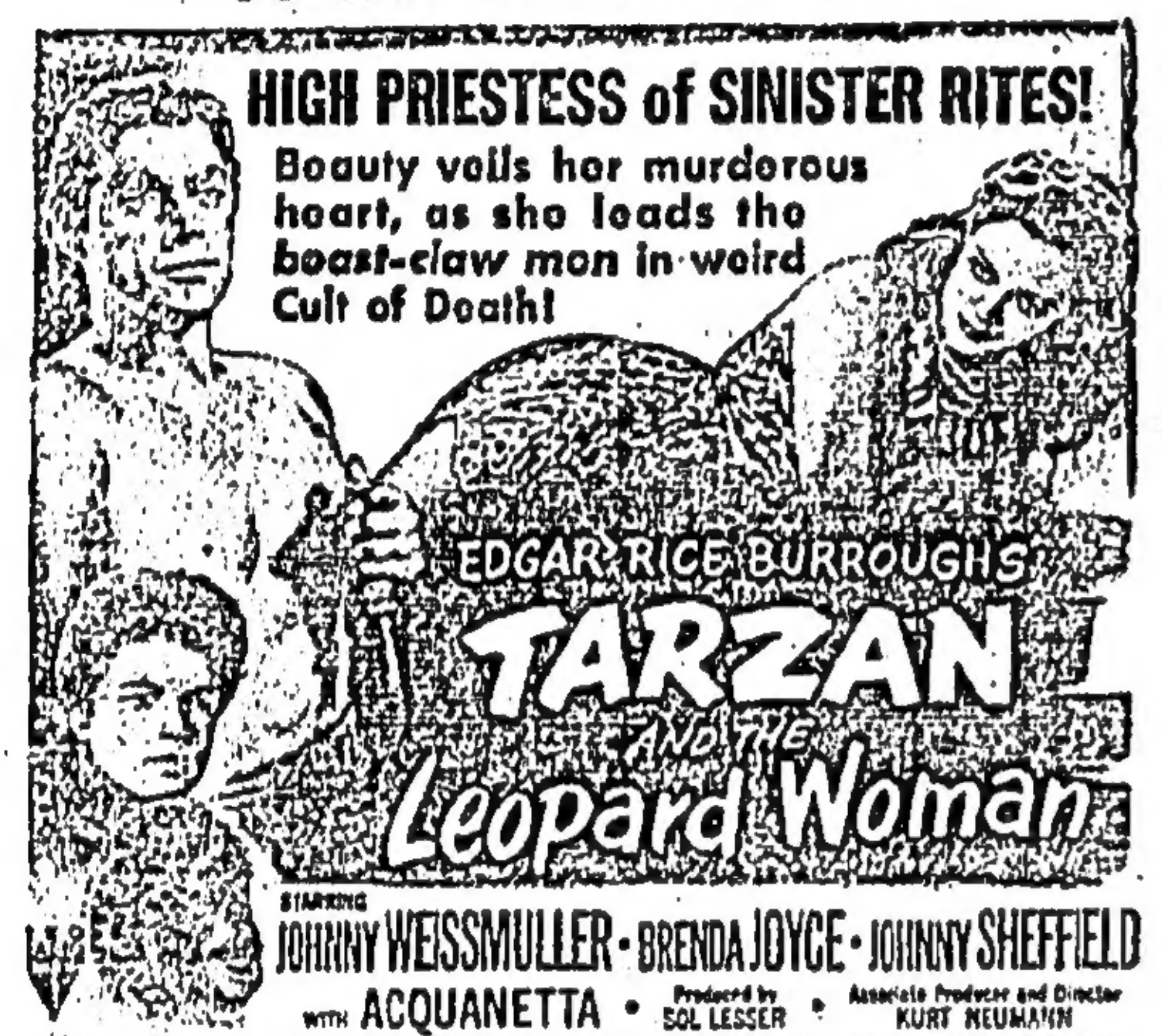
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She is SHIRLEY TEMPLE to you and 12 months married.

BABIES and the very young in the children's wards of ten London hospitals were perky and cheerful on Christmas Day in new woolly bed-jackets.

It was the twentieth year it had happened. In which time Mrs. ERNEST WARD has given away more than 33,000 bed-jackets. Even this time, constrained as she has been by coupons and wool scarcity, she had 603 to give away.

Black-jowled and bearded, Mrs. Ward might be mistaken for one of the idle rich because she has lived in luxury at the Savoy since her home nipped one of the earlier bombs. Yet for years she has been up at five o'clock every morning knitting.

Each year she has made 100 of these coats, which works out by my reckoning at one every three and a half days all the year round. And they are beautifully made.

Three years running, "helped by friends I know and more I have never met, who live everywhere from the Shetlands to Singapore," she had 5,000 jackets to give away at Christmas. Boxes on her arm, she used to go to 50 London hospitals; has wartime-cut to ten.

It all began when her daughter was V.A.D. at University College Hospital. Frith George was coming, and the young nurse did want the children to look nice. So Mrs. Ward said she would knit the 30 bed-jackets "which started an obsession which has given me infinite pleasure."

And others.

ENJOYING a seasonable boom is a profitable racket in lunch-and-dinner bills from London's swank spots.

Waiters usually take the bill away when you have paid, and these are saleable "round the corner" to people with parsimonious habits but large expense accounts for hospitality. Prices are rising; currently up to 12s. 6d. is offered for a £4 bill.

Nothing is sacred to me!

BECAUSE a British heart still beats in an American breast, what is left of a very fine cake topped by a sugar-icing Meteor, is in the mess of No. 222 Fighter Squadron at Tangmere.

Tousled-haired JOHN LOCKE, cheerful chief purser of the new liner America, who will in New York and could not make her maiden voyage.

This good American citizen has sailed in American ships for 35 years. But when he heard that an RAF fighter squadron had dipped in salute to the flagship of his line—as she came up Southampton Water for the first time, then the British sentimental bit of him, born in Winchester, England, won out.

By the time the liner docked on the second trip, John Locke, well again, had fixed a squadron party, and produced the sort of cake that mother tried to make. And it was decorated with the not very American expression "Good luck, chaps."

FROM a London evening: "Heir" to the barony is the eldest son, the Hon. GERALD RICE, "two-year-old" officer in the Irish Guards.

Every Wednesday in the Telegraph:

# Sitting on the Fence

by NATHANIEL GUBBINS

WELL," said the Sweep, "I see little old Gandhi's art is feed again."

"Go on?" I said.

"According to the papers, said the Sweep, "he's going on a fast if they don't stop the riots in India. Cor strike a light, what's the use of doing that?"

"No idea," I said.

"Ere we ave art the world ungr..." said the Sweep, "and ere we ave little old Gandhi's art is feed again."

"That's right," I said.

"And I suppose if they cut up a bit too rough he won't drink is gont's milk neither."

"I suppose not."

"Cor sufferin' wars," said the Sweep, "it's like a little kid that don't win all the games at a party."

"It certainly is."

"All the same, you ave to remember is age. There's lots of people get a bit childish when they ain't far off 80."

"They certainly do."

"Though, so far as I can remember," said the Sweep, "little old Gandhi was never properly growned up."

"Really?" I said.

"When he wasn't pushin' in plate away because they adn't got Orme Rule, he was playin' with a spinnin' wheel or cachin' in death of cold walkin' about in a under pants. So what can you do with a man like that?"

"Search me," I said.

"He must ave been a great trial in the one," said the Sweep. "He certainly must."

## Hot Weather

"And now he's got what he wants and everybody thought he was going to be eppy and satisfied he's off on another under strike."

"That's right."

"There's no pleasur some people," said the Sweep.

"There ain't," I said.

"And as for them there little old Indians," said the Sweep, "all the under strikin in the world won't make them love each other."

"It won't," I said.

"Religion again," said the Sweep. "That's it," I said.

"And the of weather, too," said the Sweep.

"Probably," I said.

"There's nothink like of weather and a bit of an argument to git your dander up."

"Nothink."

"I reckon it's lucky they're all teetotalers," said the Sweep. "Cor lividude they wouldn't art. he name trouble if they took a pint or two."

"Not art there wouldn't."

"An Irish pub on a Saturday night wouldn't be in it."

"No," I said.

## According To Culbertson

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To-day's deal occurred in the recent Masters' Pair Championship. It contains several important bidding points.

North, dealer.

Neither side vulnerable.

Match-point scoring.

NORTH		EAST	
♦ A J 4		♦ 10 7 3	
♥ Q 7		♥ K J	
♠ 2		♠ K 8 6 5 3 2	
♣ A 10 8 7 6 5 4		♣ K 7 4	
		♣ K Q J 10 9 8	
SOUTH		WEST	
♦ Q 8 2		♦ K 9 8	
♥ 9 4		♥ A 10 8 6 5 3 2	
♠ A Q 10 9 8 3		♠ K 7 4	
♣ 2		♣ K Q J 10 9 8	

This was the bidding at one table:

North: 1♣, 2♦, 3♦, 4♦, 5♦, 6♦, 7♦, 8♦, 9♦, 10♦, 11♦, 12♦, 13♦, 14♦, 15♦, 16♦, 17♦, 18♦, 19♦, 20♦, 21♦, 22♦, 23♦, 24♦, 25♦, 26♦, 27♦, 28♦, 29♦, 30♦, 31♦, 32♦, 33♦, 34♦, 35♦, 36♦, 37♦, 38♦, 39♦, 40♦, 41♦, 42♦, 43♦, 44♦, 45♦, 46♦, 47♦, 48♦, 49♦, 50♦, 51♦, 52♦, 53♦, 54♦, 55♦, 56♦, 57♦, 58♦, 59♦, 60♦, 61♦, 62♦, 63♦, 64♦, 65♦, 66♦, 67♦, 68♦, 69♦, 70♦, 71♦, 72♦, 73♦, 74♦, 75♦, 76♦, 77♦, 78♦, 79♦, 80♦, 81♦, 82♦, 83♦, 84♦, 85♦, 86♦, 87♦, 88♦, 89♦, 90♦, 91♦, 92♦, 93♦, 94♦, 95♦, 96♦, 97♦, 98♦, 99♦, 100♦.

Both East and West bid the hand badly. For one thing, East's double of three clubs was too good to be

made—it was virtually a clinch that South could not stand this double and would run to three diamonds. Actually, of course, South might have made that bid anyway, but it North had only six clubs and South had two, the contract might end in three clubs if East held his fire.

This, however, is subject to the qualification that West should not have sold out to either three clubs or three diamonds—no should have rebid his long heart suit, especially since East had implied some sort of heart support by entering the auction with no-trump. By careful management South made three diamonds for an excellent match-point score, whereas with equally good play, West could have made a game in hearts. This would involve finessing for the heart queen, despite the nine cards in the two hands, because of the necessity for reaching dummy (East) twice, to pass the club king in order to establish clubs for future use.

Even after East's double of three clubs West did not have the material for a double of three diamonds; therefore, it was entirely logical to do a little more competing. In all probability East would not have bid again over three hearts, but neither would the opponents, and West didn't have to bid game to make an excellent match-point score.

1st Pioneer: Pass the bear meat sandwiches, old timer.

2nd Pioneer: Pass the apple jack, old timer.

1st Pioneer: Do you know who they're running for president next election, old timer?

2nd Pioneer: No, old timer, I don't know who they're running for president next election.

1st Pioneer: Why, that old Choc-taw Injun chief, Big Moon Face Sitting Hangover.

2nd Pioneer: Geeze, that old bellyful of firewater?

1st Pioneer: They say the 'only way to round up them Injuns is to shoot the chiefs.

2nd Pioneer: And the best way to get em shot is to make em presidents of the United States.

1st Pioneer: You said it, old timer.

3rd Pioneer: Mighty fine. Mighty fine.

## Doggies, doggies

AFTER the great war the great let down. Nobody you know is quite honest. Even men whose personal integrity was once beyond question will break the law—even if it is only to break some bread with their soup in a restaurant.

Men who would once look you straight in the eye—too straight sometimes for genuine honesty—now avoid your glance because they have half a pound of tea in that bulging overcoat pocket.

And why is that man who sneered at trade so chummy with the butcher?

We have all noticed this gradual demoralisation of the English who were once the most trusted of all the people on earth, except the Chinese.

We have all noticed it and a great number of people have already remarked upon it both in the newspapers and on the radio.

Most have regretted the change in the English character, believing it will reform itself, and a few, like your Uncle Nat, have merely observed that it is easy to be honest when you have plenty. That is the reason why most well-to-do people keep out of prison.

But here is a piece of news which will shake the English more profoundly than the contemplation of their own delinquencies. The doggies have let them down.

WHO, apart from the English and the Chinese, are the most trusted creatures on earth? Why, the doggies, of course.

Who have faithful brown eyes that are without guile that shine with love and devotion and seem to say "Ask me anything and I will give it, even life itself."

Why, the doggies, of course. And who among the doggies is the most faithful and devoted of all doggies?

Your Uncle Nat is no expert on doggies, but he always thought it was the St. Bernard, the doggie that moons around the mountains with a flask of brandy round its neck.

Even he can like a doggie who does that.

But according to reports from Switzerland a number of St. Bernards attacked two girls. One escaped, the other was badly bitten. Before the dogs could drag her away to their kennels monks beat them off with sticks.

No doubt the doggies were hungry (in foreign countries they don't regard the girls as a bit of meat off the ration).

But are doggies no better than Englishmen when things are in short supply? Are they no better morally than the man who feels chummy with the butcher? Cannot one trust anybody, anything? Not even those faithful brown eyes?

Doggies, doggies, now could you?

## Gubbins news service

DESPITE the report that Field-Marshal Ralph Ingersoll has resigned from the editorship of the American newspaper P.M., because the proprietor thought that a few paid advertisements might help to pay wages, including the editor's, those in touch with inner military and diplomatic circles believe that the resignation is no more than a blind to cover an appointment of some importance which may affect the future of high military strategy.

Although it is realised that the Field-Marshal always objected to advertisements, it is also realised that nobody in his right mind could believe that a newspaper could be run without them. It is therefore believed that the military genius of the famous critic of Field-Marshal Montgomery will soon find his rightful place among the councils of the Anglo-American High Command.

## Rupert and Ninky—15



Rupert sets Ninky on his feet again and then he and his mother sit and look at him, wondering what he will do next. But the donkey doesn't move any more. He only stands gazing into the fire. "It's a complete mystery," declares Mrs. Bear. "I finished making him less than half an hour ago and now he's moved!" "I'll see what Bill thinks," says Rupert. "But I shall not wrap him up. I'll hold him tight under my arm." And, putting on his coat, he sets off.

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## Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

- 1—Lake in Sahara
- 2—Church seat
- 3—Location
- 4—Burden
- 5—High note
- 6—Thin
- 7—Biblical land
- 8—Heating device
- 9—Black mark
- 10—Watch race
- 11—Map on plane
- 12—American
- 13—Duke (abbr.)
- 14—Stage
- 15—Like a law

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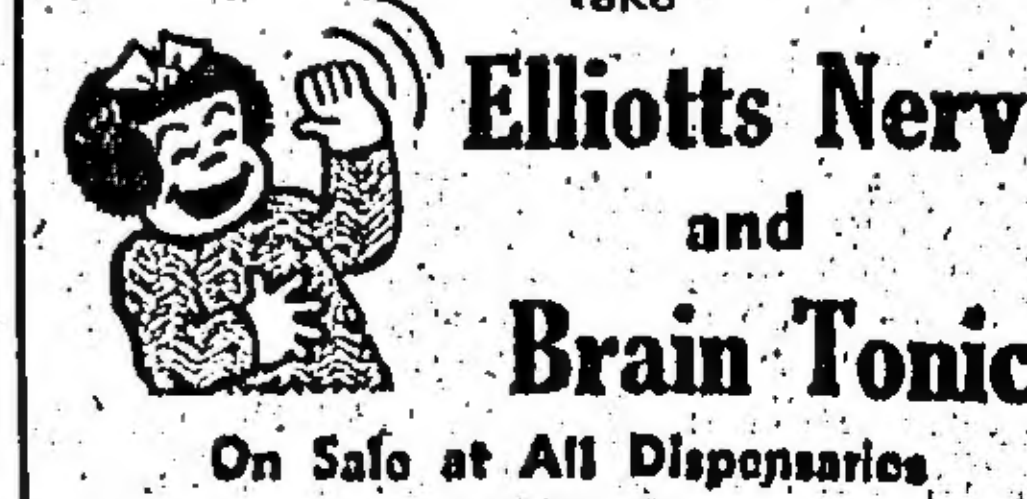
- 1—Clashed
- 2—Rabbit
- 3—First man
- 4—Seasides
- 5—Dangle
- 6—Piled with joy
- 7—Lump
- 8—Its capital is Madrid
- 9—Jot
- 10—Mealworm
- 11—Wanders
- 12—Worshiper of meat
- 13—Cover title
- 14—Intellect
- 15—Moose
- 16—Knock
- 17—It is (cook)
- 18—Before
- 19—Blill
- 20—Presses
- 21—Do it over again
- 22—Occulting pit
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- 25—Trade
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## NANCY Enough Are Too Many



When You Feel Tired and Restless





## Germany May Get Back Agricultural Areas

During the coming peace talks on Germany the United States will propose that a large part of the former rich agricultural areas in the east, now occupied by Poland, should be returned to Germany, says Associated Press quoting reliable sources in Berlin.

The American contention will be that Germany cannot be self-sustaining with a loss of 25 per cent of her best agricultural land and that this loss will only provide a talking point for a new war.

United States proposals, which are expected to receive support from Britain, are that Poland should retain the former rich German industrial area of Silesia, the half of East Prussia they now occupy and the once free city of Danzig.

The agricultural areas of Pomerania and Brandenburg, now occupied by Polish troops, once again would become part of the postwar Germany, according to the present United States proposal as envisioned in Berlin. It is pointed out that Poland, a predominantly agricultural area, has enough farm lands for her own needs and Silesia would give her a rich industrial area.

At the same time, the loss of the Pomeranian and Brandenburg farm lands cut an estimated 25 per cent from Germany's food production. Always a food deficit country, Germany is now worse off than ever before with the Western occupation powers in the position of having to make huge expenditures to import food for a defeated foe.

### Bobbed of War Potentials

The United States has recognized Polish territorial claims both at Yalta and Potsdam, but with this had made it clear, together with Britain and Russia, that final settlements could only be made at a peace conference on Germany and that present arrangements were provisional.

In presenting its position to the Big Four, the United States is expected to point out that by losing Silesia,

Germany will be robbed of her war potential. No such justification can be made out, however, for the agricultural lands of Pomerania and Brandenburg.

Britain, like the United States, overburdened by overwhelming occupation costs, is said to be sympathetic to the American view.

France, seeking widespread territorial changes in the west, is expected to side with Poland against any change in the present position.

The position of Russia has not been made clear.

## U.S. GOODWILL MISSION TO DALAI LAMA

A goodwill mission bearing gifts from the President of the United States to the Dalai Lama of Tibet may leave New Delhi some time this year to "establish contact" between the government of the United States and the authorities governing the approximately 2,000,000 inhabitants of this 426,000 square miles of mountainous country, reports United Press.

The 1945 Tibetan mission which went to New Delhi to negotiate with the British Government, brought gifts for the American President and in the normal course of diplomatic procedure this calls for reciprocation.

Neither roads nor railways connect India with Tibet. The American Tibetan would have to struggle over narrow mountain caravan routes in the age-old manner across the windy, snow-swept passes of the world's highest mountains.

The sending of such a mission would raise delicate diplomatic issues because Tibet is nominally a province of China, although since the 1912 overthrow of the Manchu dynasty, Chinese authority has been purely nominal.

### British Trade Treaty

Britain has for years dealt directly with the Tibetan authorities, maintaining the fine distinction that Tibet is under Chinese "sovereignty" but not under Chinese "sovereignty." As a result, Britain has a treaty with the Tibetan Government providing for maintenance of an Indian garrison at a point along the route.

America's first and only official relations with Tibet took place during the war when two OSS officers were sent into Tibet to explore the possibility of sending supplies from India to beleaguered China across the Himalayas. It was hoped that this flow of goods could supplement the dangerous and expensive Hump route, but the officers reported that the long, precarious journey, with supplies borne on the backs of coolies in the face of Tibetan hostility, was not practical.

Many private traders, however, braved the risks and discomforts to bring goods from India to China to sell in the lush black markets of import-starved, wartime China.

### U.S. Mission to Nepal

Plans for the diplomatic contact with Tibet, marking the extension of American diplomacy to one of the world's remotest and least-known regions, follows a recent diplomatic mission to the small Himalayan kingdom of Nepal.

George Merrill, United States Charge d'Affaires in India, travelled by foot and pack animal into this closed country last November to decorate its Maharajah and prepare the way for eventual American consular representation in this land from which Britain's hardy Gurkha soldiers hail.



## MacArthur On Moral Force Of Christianity

General Douglas MacArthur says that the principles underlying the Christian faith furnished the moral force for the defeat of the Japanese Empire and provided the philosophy for treatment of the fallen foe.

In a letter to Dr Roy G. Ross, general secretary of the International Youth Week in the United States and Canada, which will be from January 26 to February 2, MacArthur said that the Christian faith "has formed a sturdy cornerstone upon which has rested our national strength."

"There was the great moral force which steered our arm and steered our aim as our armies stormed their way from Australia to the heart of the Japanese Empire. Thereafter, those high principles of human relationship—tolerance and justice, the basic dogma of our Christian faith—formed the very key arch to the philosophy underpinning all policy governing treatment of our vanquished foe in the occupation of Japan," Associated Press.

## COAL SHORTAGE HITS ART

The Ueno Art School in Tokyo has been compelled to suspend classes for painting nude life models because of coal shortage.

The paper said that the school, which was previously allotted three tons of coal a month, has received no coal since December.

The report added that hospitals in Tokyo were suffering because the stringent coal shortage restricts surgical operations to an average of once a week. It also said that newborn babies were able to receive baths about once every three or four days.

## NO BEARDS FOR BOXERS

The South African National Amateur Boxing Association is to discuss whether competitors can enter the ring wearing beards.

In the recent Rhodesian championships a former Navy boxer weighed in wearing a beard.

Officials considered that it gave him an unfair advantage and he was submitted to a test in which hard blows aimed at his chin did not affect him.

He was asked to shave before he took part in the championships.

## Control Of Radio Reporters

Humberto Russi, Argentine national director of radio, says his government now requires news reporters for foreign radio chains to obtain prior approval of their scripts before transmitting abroad.

This ruling, which in effect means that radio news reporters can transmit only those dispatches stamped as approved by the government, is "not intended to be censorship," said Russi. Rather, it is a move "only taken so the government would know the contents of the scripts before they go abroad," Associated Press.

## Swiss-Bulgarian Trade Pact

Bulgaria and Switzerland have concluded a trade agreement amounting to 17,000,000 Swiss francs, reports Associated Press.

Bulgaria will export tobacco and furs to Switzerland in return for Swiss drugs, chemicals and machinery.

## Record Film First Night Crowd

A crowd of 30,000, including stars of stage and screen, representatives of the United Nations and other public figures, turned out in New York for the opening of the film, "Razor's Edge."

It is the screen adaptation of Somerset Maugham's novel and stars Tyrone Power and Gene Tierney.

## HIGHLAND NEWSLETTER

(By A Special Correspondent)

There is bitter controversy in Inverness-shire over the question of requisitioning empty houses for the housing of families who have no adequate accommodation.

Of course, everyone agrees with the "principle" of requisitioning these empty houses but now that many large country houses and shooting lodges, which are unoccupied except for two or three months in the summer, are threatened the owners are raising a fierce outcry.

In the Badenoch district of Inverness-shire there are about 150 families in need of homes, many of them families of ex-Servicemen, yet although the County Housing Officer submitted a list of about 40 houses in the Badenoch district which he considered suitable for requisitioning, only 18 were taken over. Proprietors, some of them members of the County Council, protest that they are threatened with confiscation of their property.

### Delaying Ruse

They contend that they ought to be consulted in the first place and that the matter can very well be decided by the County Council—in which the land-owning interests are in the majority—and that there is no need to approach the Secretary of State for Scotland on the matter. They want further inquiries to be made locally and they want full details as to the cost of converting the properties in question into suitable dwellings for the people.

The leader of the requisitioning movement, Capt Desmond Thomson, argues that this is merely a ruse to delay the whole matter until such time as the country houses and shooting lodges would be occupied in the usual way—for a month or two.

One titled lady accused Capt Thomson of being a snapper, but he merely doing his duty. There is no objection, he points out, to the owners of large empty houses putting in any tenants they please—so long as they do put in tenants. If they do not, then the houses ought to be requisitioned.

### Helped British Prisoners

When Mr Zaire Costante, a Forres shipkeeper, left the Highlands in 1940 to return to his native Italy the townsfolk wondered, and when he returned to resume his business after the war they were still wondering. What had he been up to?

The answer to this question is to be found in a certificate which Mr Costante carries about in his pocket. It reads: "This certificate is awarded to Zaire Costante as a token of the help and appreciation of the help given to the Soldiers, Sailors and Airmen of the British Commonwealth of Nations, which enabled them to escape from or evade capture by the enemy." The certificate is signed, "H. R. Alexander, Field Marshal, Supreme Allied Commander, Mediterranean Theatre."

Mr. Costante returned to Italy in 1940 on his doctor's advice and when Italy entered the war he was unable to return to Scotland. He was subjected to close supervision by the Fascists who regarded him with suspicion, and even his wireless set was commandeered.

Fifty miles from where he lived was a prisoner of war camp, occupied mainly by British personnel, and it was from this camp that Mr. Costante and a few friends assisted many of our men to escape. Had he been caught not only he but also his wife and family would have suffered the usual fate.

But for a casual remark to a friend about this certificate, which he has just received, the Forres people might still be wondering what he was doing in Italy during the War years.

### Balmuccia Estate

A meeting is to be held in the near future between the National Trust for Scotland and representatives of various industrial and agricultural bodies to discuss the best means of developing the potentialities of the 1000-acre Balmuccia Estate and Balmuccia House in Western Ross-shire, which were bequeathed to the Trust by the late Lady Hamilton.

The Trustees have considered the development of the village of Kyle on the estate as a key point in the Western Highlands, as a railhead for access to the Skye and Hebridean shipping services and as a fishing port with great possibilities. It would also make a most suitable centre for small farming factories and for the processing of fish and farm produce.

There is talk about the best possible use for Balmuccia House. A chorus of house-stickers will probably provide an answer to that question.

## Meter Registers Opinions

A new opinion meter that registers all shades of opinion—as well as simple yes or no—has been invented, says Associated Press.

The meter will take 150 different opinions at one time, and will show the result on a dial that reads from 0 to 100 percent.

## TEN YEARS TO CLEAR COLOGNE

Ten years should be long enough to clear the rubble from Cologne, the first city to be rocked by a 1,000-plane air raid. When the rubble has been cleared, the skeleton walls of gutted buildings must come down. Then the real job of rebuilding can begin.

Cologne is as spectacular a ruin as any of the 50 first cities of Germany. It is more spectacular than most. In addition to damage from many air raids, the city suffered from heavy ground fighting in the outskirts.

The result was the almost complete wreckage of the inner city—the area inside the semi-circular "ring road" which starts and ends on the east bank of the Rhine. Scarcely a building—from the famous Cathedral to the tiny houses in the narrow alleys—escaped serious damage, says United Press.

In the city as a whole, 80 per cent of the buildings were damaged. Before the war, Cologne had a large tourist trade. To accommodate visitors, it had 7,000 hotel rooms. Only 100 are left. The largest hotel has 18 rooms intact.

### Reduction of Population

Cologne's prewar population of 702,000 shrank to 40,000 at the time of the city's fall, but has now risen to 520,000. The housing problem is prodigious. It is aggravated by lack of labour and all kinds of building materials—except salvaged bricks.

The war left 12,000,000 tons of rubble in Cologne, plus the jagged walls which jut from the wreckage. At first, the debris was merely shovelled out of the streets to permit resumption of traffic.

Rain and sun have "melted down" this mass into a putty-like substance laced with stone, steel and wood. It has become almost immovable.

Under a voluntary rubble clearance programme, every man between 18 and 60 and every woman between 18 and 45 is asked to contribute a nine-hour work day every four months.

Ninety-two per cent of the able-bodied residents of Cologne do their share of this work. But unless the job can be speeded, children of eight will be summoned to the task.

## Singapore's Inter-Racial Country Club

A first class inter-racial country club, providing facilities for swimming, dancing and playing golf and tennis, will be open to all communities in Singapore when the Island Club completes its \$300,000 scheme for a new two or three-storey clubhouse and swimming pool, says the Straits Times.

Besides having a good dance floor, the new building will include card rooms and all modern amenities. The Island Club has previously always been in intention a social club. Although in the past, the golf course has been its main feature, it has not been forgotten that provision should be made for such matters as tennis courts and other recreations, as well as the swimming pool.

During the occupation the clubhouse fell into disrepair and some of the main timbers of the roof were eaten through and collapsed. Parts of the main supporting beams of the side walls were also rendered completely useless by white ants and dry rot.

It was therefore decided to pull down the old building which had never been intended for use as a permanent clubhouse.

## Youths' Liquid Propellant

Inspired 10 years ago by comic strip rocket scientists, a group of high school and college students has developed a new secret liquid propellant which may have valuable military and peacetime uses, reports United Press from California.

The fuel has worked with unexpected success on a few experimental "baby" rockets fired from the group's dry riverbed "proving grounds." It has been offered for tests in rockets such as the German V-2.

"If our fuel is an improvement over what the army now has, we will be proud of our contribution," 18-year-old George James, a Glendale junior college student, said. "It is less effective, our work will have ruled out one possibility and indirectly advanced rocket research."

The young scientists are now working on rockets that may move mud-stuffed or showbound motor cars, shoot ropes across canyons and drop extinguisher chemicals into the centre of uncontrolled fires.

They still dream and plan super-rockets of the comic strip variety which got them interested in the game.

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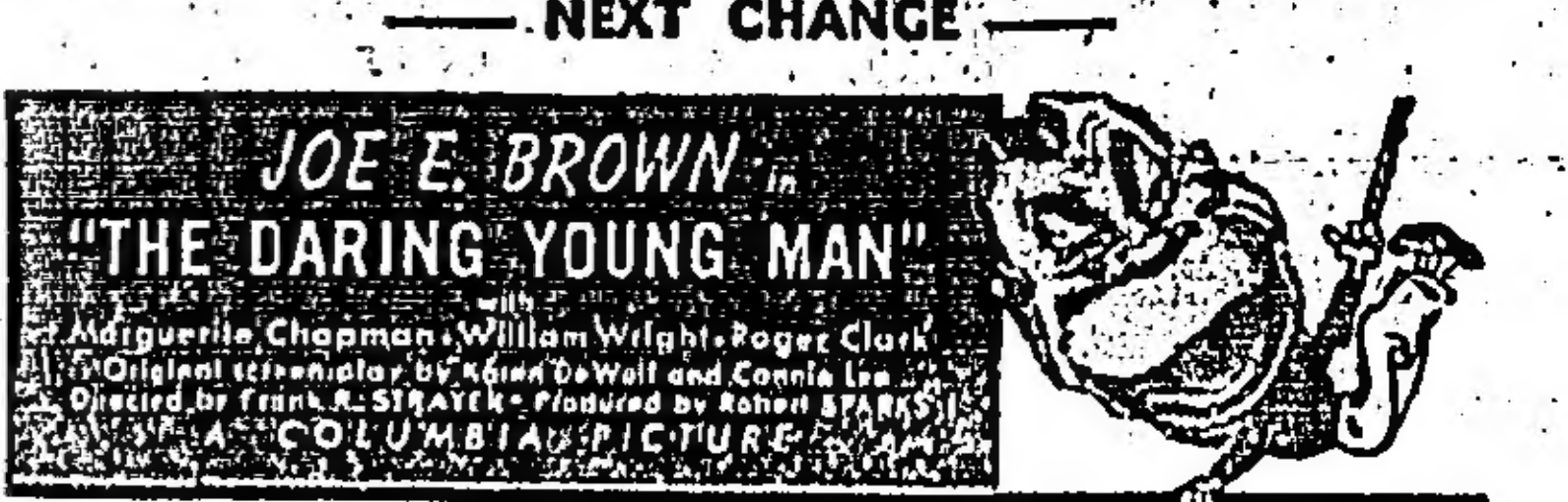
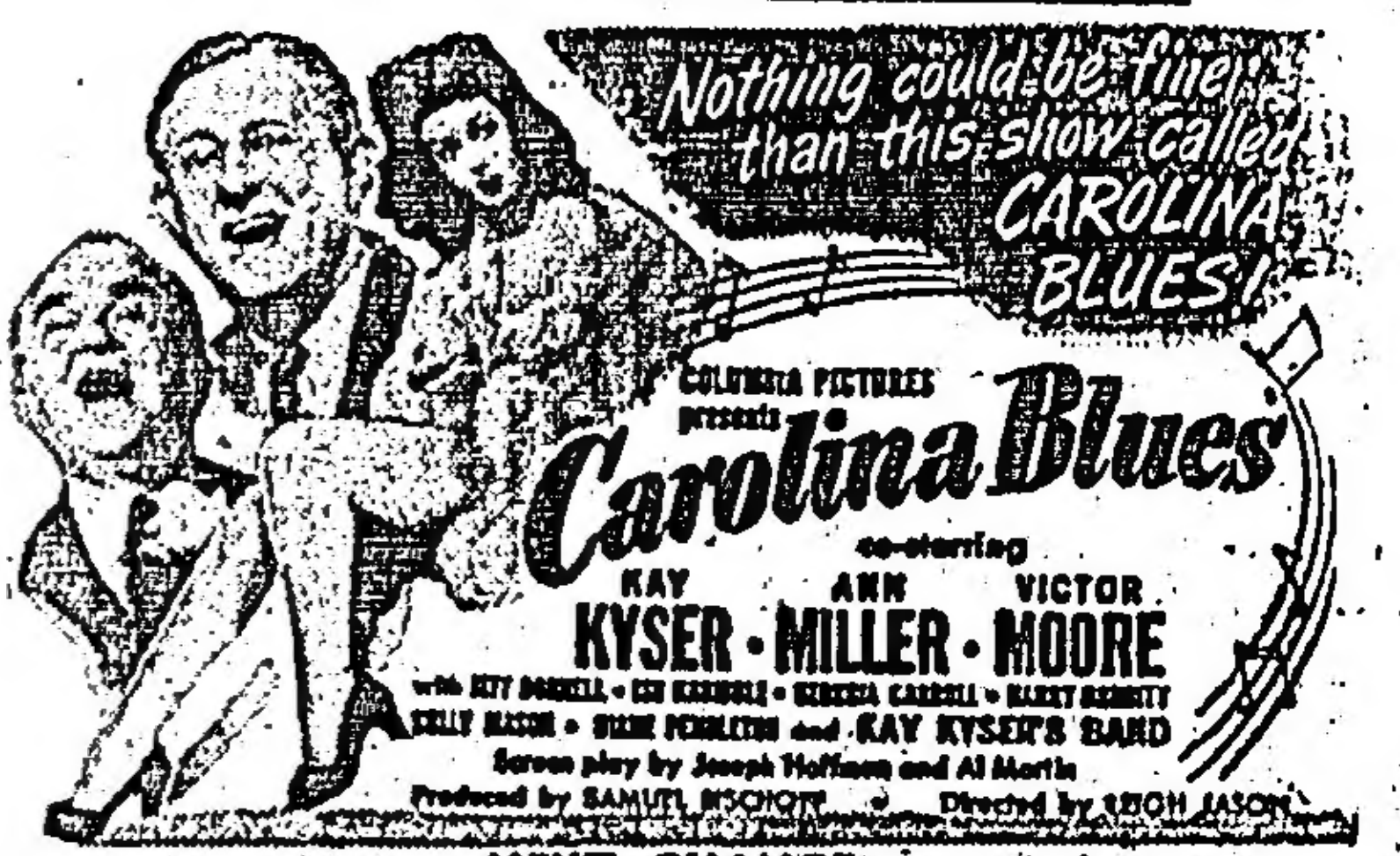
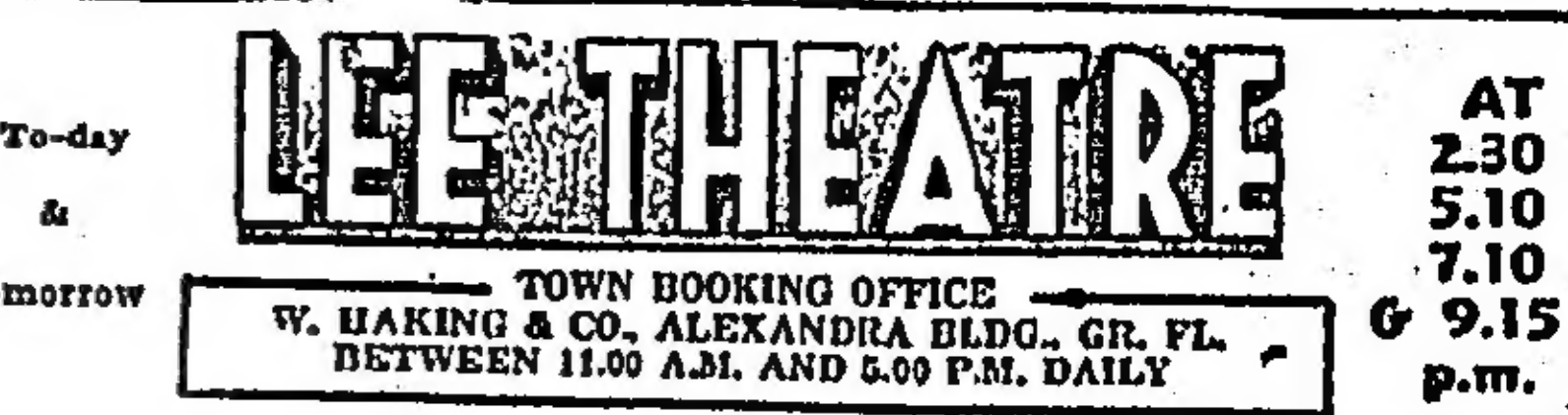
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## Marbles Loses Its G.O.M.

Sam Spooner, who five times won the English marbles championship, is dead, according to the News Chronicle.

He first won it 50 years ago and was well on in his eighties—some people say he was on the verge of ninety—but he retained his interest in "knuckling down" to the last.

Although other champions came and went at Tinsley Green, near Crawley, where the championship has been staged every Good Friday for over 300 years, Sam always appeared at the contests.

With his luxuriant white whiskers and old felt hat, he would offer his expert comments and, despite his age, would kneel and take a cunning hand at the game himself. Sam took part in the games at Tinsley Green last Good Friday.



POSITIONS VACANT

APPLICATIONS are invited from certified or qualified navigating or diesel engine officers for employment as Coast Staff Officers on the ships of the Chinese Maritime Customs Service. Employment is also offered to men experienced in navigating small craft. Applicants are interviewed at the Office of the Chinese Maritime Customs, 4th Floor, Marine House, Queen's Road, Central.

## SIDE GLANCES

By Galbraith



"If I had a couple of bucks I could date Marge tonight, Dad—her father, by the way, is an automobile dealer!"



